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The Ingram Beast

By Frank Pierce

Note from the writer: This is an account of a letter I found in the Ingram building. I can neither confirm nor deny if the events are fictional or not, but I can tell you I believe them, and you might just believe them too.

Let me tell you a story - few MBA boys know about the monster that lives in Ingram. It is a story about an experiment gone wrong. The story of how one vicious cat's life changed. The day that Ollie the Cat became the Ingram Beast.

It all started one night when a science teacher named Dr. Lankford and his experiment went wrong. Dr. Lankford tested his experiment that made anything extra large or maybe even gave the thing powers of some sort. He fired his experiment, and his cat Ollie jumped in front of the ray thinking it was a laser pointer. When the ray hit, he started growing abnormally. His muscles grew large and some say that his face was menacing enough so that he could make someone paralyzed by fear! He grew so large

that he burst out of the apartment and started heading to MBA. He had razor sharp claws and teeth, and he brought chaos wherever he walked. He jumped through buildings and played with wrecking balls as if they were his toys. He used skyscrapers as scratching posts and cars as toy mice. He made his way to the Ingram building, tracking his "father's" smell while blasting lasers out of his eyes. Ollie was a vicious cat even from the beginning. Dr. Lankford would show his students his scars from Ollie's scratches and bites, but now he was unstoppable. The teachers faced Ollie in a battle. They were armed with common school supplies, but they won! How you may ask? They put him to sleep and were able to capture him and design an underground system for him. They did this in secret throughout the chaotic construction of the new parking lot. The teachers took a valid oath never to speak of this conflict again but obviously not all of them could keep a secret for so long.

Have you ever felt cold in the Ingram building? That is probably because they move the thermostat according to Ollie's needs. Has your teacher ever left or have they been late to class? It was probably their turn to feed the beast. Have you ever wondered where your scraps of food go after you eat? To Ollie of course. Have you ever heard a faint

hum under the building? That's Ollie purring. He gets his fresh water from the creek and gentle rubs from the faculty to keep him happy.

I do not have much time. If you are reading this in the newspaper I am already gone. They know I know the secret and are going to find me and feed me to the beast, but if you ever know a student who apparently moved overseas, now you might just know where he actually went.

Sincerely,
Anonymous



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Camp Laney 2019

Camp Laney - Ropes

By John Howard

In seventh grade, everyone goes on a field trip to Camp Laney. At Camp Laney, there is a six part ropes course consisting of these courses: Bonzai, Kamikaze, the Pamper Pole, the Zipline, the Climbing Tower, and the two High Traverse courses. I was one of those seventh graders that went to Camp Laney, and I really enjoyed my experiences on the ropes course.

The first one that I did was named Bonzai. On this course you walk up a set of stairs to a thin piece of rope over which you must cross. The rope has rope handles for you to hold. When you cross that part of the course, you get to a rope swing where you swing down to the ground. When I went on this course, I was one of the last people to go, and I went across the course without falling, and

then did the swing. I found it not that scary once you jump off the platform.

Next after Bonzai I had the Pamper Pole. The Pamper Pole is a giant telephone pole with little metal handles for you to climb. Once you make it to the top, you jump off one of the two platforms to catch a trapeze. When I went on to the Pamper Pole, I made it to the top platform, but when I saw how high it was, I didn't go for



John Howard high atop the Pamper Pole

the trapeze. After the Pamper Pole my group had the Climbing Tower. The Climbing Tower is a tower with several rock walls on it. When I was at the Climbing Tower, I attempted the hardest one and got just above half way. I did multiple other courses while I was there at the Climbing Tower, including courses like the Widowmaker, the Cheesecake, and the Double Trouble.

After the Climbing Tower I had the Kamikaze which I had heard was the best one, and it turned out to be.

The Kamikaze is a course where you climb up a rope ladder onto a multi-section crossing part which includes walking on logs, swings, rope triangles, and wooden planks. I struggled a bit on the swings because when I stepped on, it started swinging back and forth uncontrollably.

Everything else I was able to get through without any trouble. Next, I made it to the final wood plank where I walked onto a log that was between two trees. With a guide helping me, I got harnessed onto the giant rope swing. I walked out into the middle of both the trees with a guide helping me. He then told me to jump on three, so 1...2...3... I jumped, and the first drop I didn't really know what to think because I was so scared, but the rest of the swing was fun. After that I had High Traverse which is the course where you have to choose between two challenges. I chose the one where you got a long rope to use to travel across the narrow rope. Before I did that, I had to help someone else go on the ropes course. When I finished helping, it was my turn to go on the course. I went up the tree and started going across, but three quarters of the way there the rope ran out of length. So I used the rope keeping me strapped in for the rest of the way.

Finally, I had the Zipline. On the Zipline I got ready to go, and then I went over and climbed up a very tall tree and went on the zipline. Unfortunately, I didn't touch the farthest tree, so I did not get the prize. Overall, I found the Camp Laney ropes course very fun!



Langston Daniel on the Multivine

Camp Laney 2019

7th Grade Trip to Camp Laney

By Hudson Ross

Seven weeks ago the seventh grade at MBA traveled to Camp



Edwin Bass on the wall beautiful Northern

Alabama countryside. Laney is also located on the Little River and is surrounded by fifty acres of forest. Sounds like a great place, right? I think it's awesome, so I'm going to tell you about all the fun the 7th grade had at Laney.

Day 1

We began our journey to Laney about the time that school started and we drove the hour-and-a-half to a rest stop on Monteagle Mountain. We ate



Intense battleball is a nightly occurrence.



Hudson Ross and friends take a break.

some snacks and drank some water and continued on to Laney. We arrived at Laney at about twelve o'clock, and we put our bags down and played some gaga ball, basketball, or ping pong until lunch. Lunch was, like all meals at Laney, amazing! After a great lunch we headed to the camp fire pit. This is where we met the Higher Ground team. Higher Ground is the company that helps run camp activities while the counselors are away. From then on we played a bunch of random team building games for a long time. It was really hot and we were sitting in the sun with very little time to get water. Finally, it was snack time and we were able to hang out around camp and eat and/or drink from the infamous Camp Laney Powerade Machine.

Then the sky fell out and it began to rain pretty hard. We were forced to go to the gym and play some more team building games. Then it was time for free time. During free time, you can do pretty much anything from playing basketball, ping pong, to just sitting around and talking to

friends. After free time, we had dinner. Dinner was really good and after we went to play some world famous Battle Ball (known as Bombardy during the summer). Battle Ball is just Dodgeball with a lot more balls and sometimes you can go to the other team's side, and you sometimes can get people back in, etc. Then it was time to go to sleep, and because we had a long day, we crashed. Day 2

The second day was High Ropes. In case you were wondering, the high ropes are really high. The Kamikaze is 29 feet high, and it was my favorite element. I love ropes courses, and Camp Laney's was so much fun.



Boat building is true teamwork!

We went through six elements on the course, but I won't spoil it for you if you haven't read the ropes course article. We did the same things schedule wise that we did on the first day, and we played some Battle Ball. We had a campfire where we talked and heard scary stories. Then we went to bed.

Day 3

On the last day we got up, ate some breakfast, and began to create a boat for a regatta on the river at Laney. It was so much fun to see all the different boats and how "seaworthy" they were. After an exciting race, we headed back to the cabins to shower, pack up, and say goodbye to Laney.

Camp Laney 2019



George Ma and Gray Blair



Eli Stark and Jack Elrod pay tribute to Abigail



Coach Garvey and Elias Franks on the zipline



Hawkins Russell on the Kamikaze

Camp Laney 2019



Daviss Coble and Coach Simpson



Julian Bibb in the trees



Charlie Warner and Kenny Royer



Spirit Week

Novice Debate

By John Howard

This year, I joined the Novice Debate Team. The Novice Debate Team has already had two tournaments: the Chattahoochee Cougar Classic and the Sandra W. Silvers Invitational. At a debate tournament we always arrive at Lowry between seven to seven thirty. One of the debate coaches, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Yorko, or Mr. Clark brings the bus around to the front of the parking garage, and we all load into the bus. Whoever drives us then starts the bus, and we head for Georgia. The drive takes about three to five hours, not including stops along the way. We stop at places like gas stations for food and gas. When we got close to the destination, we stop for lunch. The coach tells us good places nearby and lets the team choose from those places. Additionally, we have some varsity debate members that come with us for competing, judging, and supervising. When we arrive at the place where the tournament is being held, we often go straight to the hotel and unload the luggage if it was a two night trip. If the trip is for one night, we go to the place where the tournament is being held and bring



The Novice Debate Team

our luggage in there. Either way, we start the tournament at the school in about the same hour that we arrive in the town. When the tournament starts, we go to a room that has only a two-person team that I am on, a two person team that we are going against, and the judge. Other people are allowed to come and spectate, but they are not allowed to help.

During a round you are either assigned to be Affirmative Negative. The Affirmative (or Aff) argues why the world right now is bad and needs to change. They propose a plan on how and why the world needs to change and states the case. They introduce the plan, inherency, advantages, and solvency. The Negative (or Neg) argues why the world needs to stay the same,

and why the affirmative is wrong. They can introduce Disadvantages (or Disads) into the debate, and they make multiple arguments on why the affirmative is wrong. You have five rounds that determine if you make it to the next stage of the debate. In those five rounds you alternate between affirmative and negative. The speech order for those debates goes as follows: 1AC - 1NC - 2AC - 2NC - 1NR - 1AR - 2NR - 2AR. The block in the middle of the speeches with two negative arguments is the Neg Block. All the arguments that end in "C" in the speeches are Constructives where you are allowed to introduce arguments, and read off cards. They are eight minutes long. All the speeches that end in "R" are Rebuttals. They are your final arguments where you cannot add new arguments, and you have five minutes. The five rounds last over the span of two days. After they are over, we get back in the bus and ride back to Nashville. The bus ride back is the same as the bus ride there. When we get back to Nashville, we are picked up from Lowry and go home.



Advisory Officers/Service Reps 2019-2020

Seventh Grade

Creamer/Gillespie: James Trainer/Easton Ice

Cooper/Wims: Sammy Thompson

McMurray/Garvey: John Howard

Kesor/Spiegl: Escher Young/Elias Franks/Boston Beach

Russ/Russell: Arjun Peterson

Simpson/Euverard: Hughes Roddey/Aiden Becker

Roberts/Raines: Baker Jennings

Cirillo/Ellery: Clayton Lindley/Leo Paolicchi

Anderson/Killian: Hank Cooke

Chauvin/Overton: Noam Friedman/AJ Hie

Eighth Grade

Creamer/Gillespie: Blake Ragsdale/Luke Ricciardelli

Cooper/Wims: Trey Woodcock/Harrison Dawkins/Hutton Durett

McMurray/Garvey: Ebenezer Henry Okafor/Blaine Campbell/Ketch Parker

Kesor/Spiegl: H McIllwain

Russ/Russell: Hutton Wall/Cooper Davis

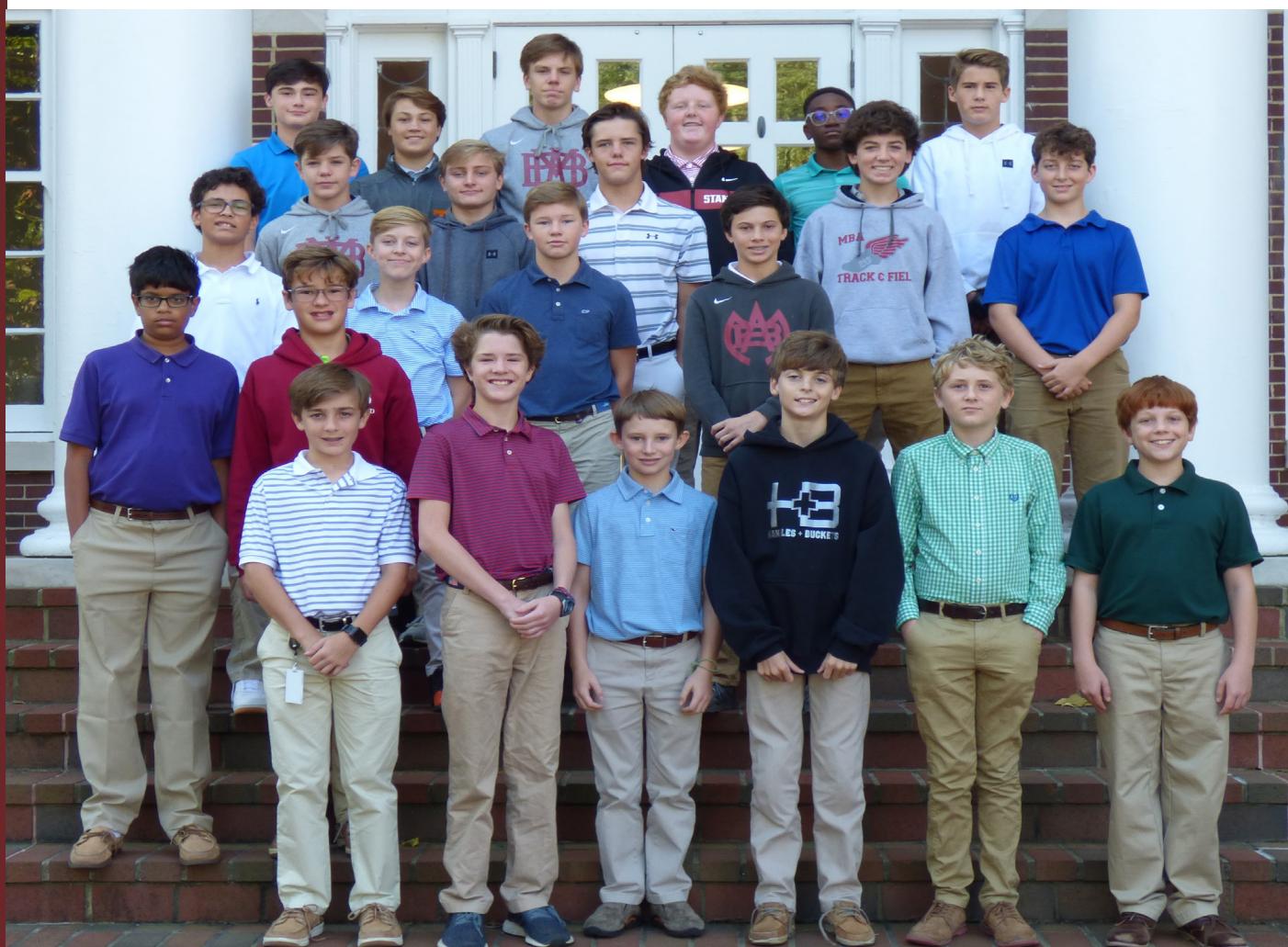
Simpson/Euverard: Zeke Stroud/Edwards Settle

Roberts/Raines: Ryan Russell/Kellan Curnutt/Whit Uden

Cirillo/Ellery: Nathan Williams/Hays Lindsey/Liam Eadie

Anderson/Killian: Will Caldwell/Luke Keller/Ross Sonday/Jose DeLemos

Chauvin/Overton: Jake Moore/Davis Crawford



Vaping: The New Epidemic Sweeping Across the Globe

By Ryan Chapman

Vaping has impacted us all in some way. It has torn families apart with sadness and grief, and it has brainwashed young and uneducated people to do awful things to themselves. and even has taken the lives of now 33 people. Even here at MBA, students have been caught vaping, including in the Junior School. This problem needs to be dealt with and changed.

Vaping is the action of breathing in and breathing out aerosol,

which is often called vapor. The "vapor" is created by an e-cigarette or another related appliance. Aerosol, or what most people think is tobacco smoke, is filled with tiny particles that carry highly toxic chemicals. These particles have been linked to cancer as well as respiratory and heart disease. Mayo Clinic researchers on October 2, 2019 released a study with the New England Journal of Medicine that stated that the group had found seventeen specimens with lung damage related to the toxic chemicals, gasses, and other bodies. This information is eye-opening news to some, but others did not listen. As stated previously, 33 people have lost their lives to this epidemic, and in



the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands, 1,080 people have been admitted to the hospital for vaping-related illnesses. All those who have died range from their 20's to their 70's. People need to stop hurting themselves with this harmful product that many think is a safe thing to do.

Many countries and states have already taken action. Here in the United States, the Trump Administration has made steps to eradicate flavored e-cigarettes from shops, stores, and other various sellers. Some countries and states have even banned the product, and we are likely to see this trend take off. This action provides hope that one day this problem may only be in the past for younger generations. Nonetheless, vaping is a hurtful thing to do and not many people realize the risk they take when doing so. As individuals and as a student body, we must take action. We need to save our friends and peers before it's too late. The act of vaping is addictive and changes people mentally and physically. Hopefully intervention and change will start soon.

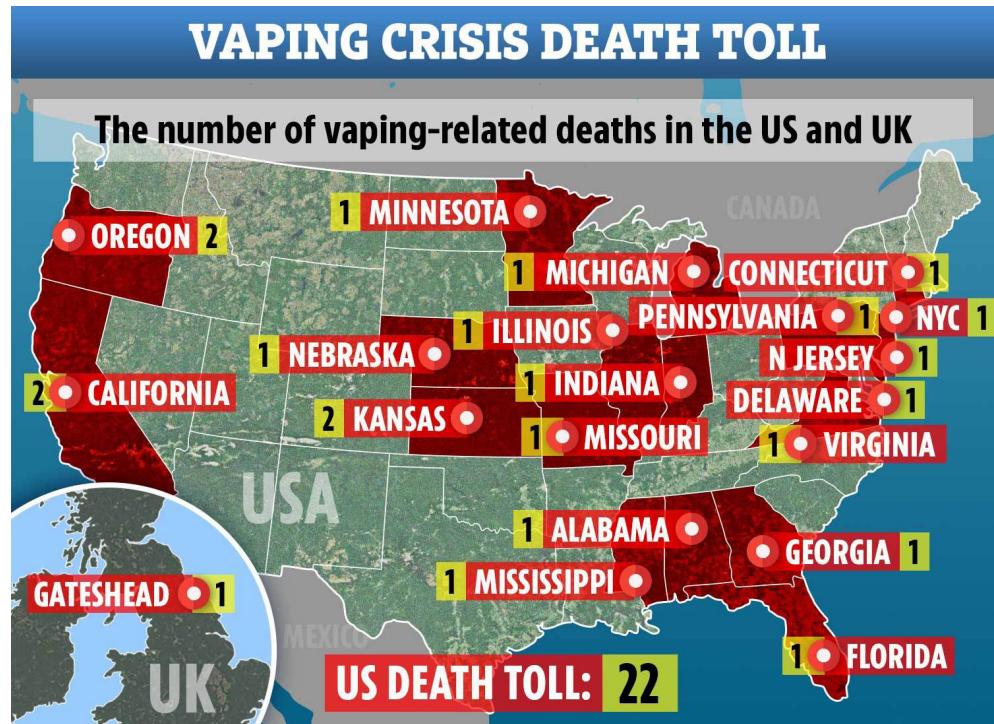
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At the time this article went to press, the death toll had risen to 33 with two deaths in TN



The Bell Witch

By John Howard

The Bell Witch is a legendary ghost tale from Nashville, Tennessee that is told widely across America. The Bell Witch tale goes that John Bell and his family moved to Adams, Tennessee in the 1800s. He had a large family that consisted of Elizabeth, Richard, Drewry, Jesse, John Bell Jr., Betsy, and Joel. In 1817 John Bell found a strange looking animal outside his house. He shot and missed this animal multiple times. That night the Bell family started hearing beating sounds. Those beating sounds outside their house kept increasing to the point where there were rats gnawing at the bedposts. Eventually, the children's



Eye Witness Drawing of a Strange Sight Outside the Bell Home

pillows and blankets were being thrown away from them, and their hair was being pulled. Then they began to hear the witch. It was quiet at first, but then it grew so loud that they could clearly make out the chords and conversations that it was having. The closest neighbor started staying over from day-to-day to see what was happening.



Historical Rendition of Andrew Jackson's Visit

After staying for a few nights this person had the same experiences and witnessed the same occurrences as John Bell and his family. This made Andrew Jackson take an interest in the family and house. The three eldest sons, Drewry, Jesse, and John Bell Jr., worked in Andrew Jackson's army. On the way over to the Bell family's house, Jackson's wagon stopped. It was being pulled

by several horses and carried several men. They then heard a disembodied female voice. This voice said it would see them that evening. Later that evening, nothing was happening in the house. The witch wasn't there and nothing was happening. Until, a guy, who claimed to be a witch tamer, said that he scared her away because he had a silver bullet in

his gun. He was then beaten and said that he felt that he was being poked with pins. The witch claimed that there was another fraud in Jackson's party, and she would identify and torment him the following evening. No one knows what followed, but people saw Jackson's army going to Nashville the following day.

Later, Betsy married Joshua Gardner whom the Bell Witch did not like. Wherever they went, they were tormented by the witch. No place was safe for them. So Betsy broke up with him, and the Bell Witch stopped tormenting them. But there was one person in the Bell family whom the Bell Witch disliked so much that she vowed to kill him: John Bell. She would go around the farm cursing him and tormenting him while making his life much harder. If he fell, she would slap him, and if he walked, she took his shoes off. On December 20, 1820, he died. The Bell family came in and found a vial of a liquid. While the witch was saying that she gave it to him, they gave a drop to the cat for an experiment. The cat immediately died. The witch told Lucy, who is John Bell's widow, that she would return in seven years. She returned in 1828. The witch discussed things with John Bell Jr. and then said that she will return in one hundred and seven years to meet John Bell's most direct descendant. In 1935 Dr. Charles Bailey Bell, who was a Nashville physician, wrote a book about the Bell Witch. No copies were published because he died in 1945.

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The History of Halloween

By Gabe Lett

We know Halloween as a tradition in which we eat candy and dress up in costumes. The spooky and fun Halloween was not always as we know it. Halloween's beginning is not very clear to this day, but modern day historians believe that it is either Baal worship or an old Celtic tradition.

Baal worship on Halloween consisted of cannibalism and worship of the devil. Baal was the pagan god of natural disasters, and on many occasions the Israelites would perform these rituals to Baal. Halloween came to be a worship of Satan through this tradition. Baal was also the god of the harvest, and this ongoing ritual was to worship



The Celtic Tradition of Samhain

Baal for a good harvest season. The day October 31 represented the end of the harvest season and the

beginning of winter.

The celebration for the harvest is how Halloween became associated with pumpkins

and other vegetables.

The Celtic holiday known as Samhain is historians' second perspective on the beginning of Halloween. Samhain was a tradition performed over two thousand years ago. Samhain means "Summer's End" in Indo-European. Samhain's origins, though fragmented and not fully understood, have given us a vague idea of the origins of Halloween. It was a time at the end of the harvest, and the people gathered resources and stored animals for the harsh winter months. Samhain can also be attributed to conversing with the dead. The idea of communing with the dead when spirits cross over from the spirit world is much like our modern day Hispanic tradition known as the Day of the Dead. Samhain was also a time when

tribes would pay tribute to their conquerors, and the sidh, which were sacred ancient mounds, would disclose the palaces of the underworld that belonged to their gods.

You are probably wondering

how Halloween as we know it sprouted from these ancient rituals. Well that is because these

rituals only had a minor influence on Halloween. Both Baal worship and Samhain only affected the day of Halloween and with what we associate it with such as spirits and demons. However, these rituals had no affect on how costumes and trick-or-treating began. Costumes were created by the practice of mumming and guising. In these practices people would disguise themselves and go door to door asking for food. The practice of going door to door and asking for food or treats is also associated with the British and Irish practice of souling in which poor people would go door to door and ask for food in exchange for their prayers over the lost. Halloween's tradition of tricking a person if they did not give you a treat was established in the late 1800s. Some of the tricks that were performed included tipping over outhouses, egging homes, and opening the farmer's gates.; but in the early 1900's, these fun tricks evolved into outright vandalism.

So now you know that our fun and spooky Halloween has a not so-fun history.

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By Aiden Becker

It's that time of year again! Halloween is here, and everyone is scrambling around to find something thrilling to do on Halloween night. There are many things that you can gnash your teeth on tonight.

In Columbia, until November 2nd, a popular event that keeps on getting better every year is Miller's Thrillers. There are three terrifying main activities. On the zombie paintball ride, you can board a hayride where paintball guns are attached to the trailer. They drive you along a dark road where creatures will jump out and try to scare you as you shoot them with your paintballs. Another attraction they have is the Haunted



The Haunted Woods in Columbia

Woods. You walk along a path in which there are different areas

with creatures and people trying to scare you. There are many different sections with different themes such as creepy circuses, swamps and graveyards. There is a new event called Arena X. In this event, the competitors are given flags much like in flag football. The competitors must then escape from the arena while not losing their flags because in the dark, clowns are lurking and waiting for the right moment to strike. The director of Miller's Thrillers is excited about this event, and based off his confidence, I can agree. I really enjoy this Halloween thrill. I personally have done it multiple times, and I have not regretted a single second.

If you don't want to go outside of Nashville, there are many other activities that are in your neighborhood that you can attend and go trick-or-treating. In Richland, for the past twenty years, carved pumpkins are displayed from all over the neighborhood and people come from all over the area to look at them. Some good trick or treat spots are Richland, the 12 South area, Nichol Lane, and Sylvan Park. They get plenty of foot traffic,

and many people feel happy and safe within those areas. Personally, I think those are the best areas if you want to have a laid back but fun Halloween.

Of course, let's not forget that our Nashville Predators will be facing off against the Calgary Flames in Bridgestone Arena. That night you and the fans must put on your terrifying twist for the game by wearing your costume. I can assure you that there will be catfish and zombie hockey players at tonight's game.

There is another attraction in Lebanon called Dead Land Scream Park. Here you choose an adventure in which you would like



to partake in beginning at a bonfire. You are then set off on an unguided tour, and you must find your way out. Be careful because while you are there, ghouls, zombies and all sorts of other creatures will try to scare you. There will be narratives throughout your journey, and when you reach the end you then have the greatest reward, relief. There will be concessions and a bonfire there in case you want to rest in between activities. Dead Lands has may positive reviews and seems promising to every type of person. I would definitely want to try this out one day.

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“The Darkness”

By Ryan Chapman



I woke up on a cold, dry, and dusty floor. My surroundings were dark; so much so, I couldn't see my hand right on my face. I quickly sat up and turned my head from side to side, looking for some form of anything. All I found was a feeling of fear and emptiness. I kept looking to my left and right like that of an owl looking for prey, hoping there was something to be found.

Then, all of a sudden, a voice. It was faint, but it carried a stern and raspy tone. There was also another voice, this one was softer and was pleasant to my ears. It was like the sound of winter turning into spring when the world starts being happy once more. However, these voices faded, and the comfort that had once held me tight, for a moment, drifted away. A cool breeze fell behind my back, and dozens of tiny bumps covered my arms and legs. I sat there scared, anxious, and wondering if I'd be able to get out of wherever I was.

I slowly arose from the dirty floor. A spider web attached to my face and scared me so badly I almost peed on myself. However, I started walking into the darkness. I kept trekking in the mysterious place, but I found nothing except for the same darkness that had surrounded me previously. I began to fantasize that this would be the last place I'd see, if it even was a place.

Abruptly, I heard fast footsteps behind me, followed by the same voices that I'd heard prior to my looking around. The voice with the soothing tone said, “Did you remember the bag?”

“Yes, why wouldn't I have? We need to hide the evidence, unless you plan on having a roommate until you die,” replied the raspier and more stern one.

“Okay, I think we're ready, go ahead and bag the package,” said the smooth voice. I bolted. I didn't care where I was running towards as long as it was far away from where the voices were coming from.

I heard the smooth one yell, “What do you mean he's not there! You had one job, it was to make sure the stuff you gave him would keep him asleep! Now he's running around the basement trying to find a way out. You know what? You just stay down here while I go get the dogs to sniff him out. If he somehow slips past you again, you might not see the light of day ever!”

Oh no! I thought. I may never see the light of day again. I searched for a wall or anything other than a gross floor, but still I could find nothing. I ran into a large metal object that had gaps separating sections. I walked around it and found a wall and a small opening that I barely was able to fit in. I got down on my hands and knees and started crawling. I was so careful to try to not make a sound, but I would slip and fall which to my ears rattled the entire room.

My heart started racing, the same little bumps filled my arms and legs, and it felt like someone was directly behind me. I kept going; however, to my dismay. I reached a dead end and gathered myself and hugged my knees tightly. I started to hear something breathe heavily in-and-out like it was gasping for air. I looked down and reassured myself that everything was going to be alright. The breathing was getting heavier and closer, so I looked up. There was nothing. I looked down and it continued but came to a sudden stop. I looked up and there was a large dog staring into my eyes. I heard a growl and saw its mouth open, and then there was darkness.



The Adventures Of Milo and Otis

By William Perri

The Adventures of Milo and Otis is a fantastic movie with beautiful imagery and photography with a great narrator to complete it. Although it was filmed in 1986 the film is spectacular, and no CGI was needed throughout the film. The story follows a cat named Milo and a dog named Otis. Milo gets separated from his best friend Otis while playing in a box on a river that gets swept downstream. Otis follows him, and the two of them have an incredible journey where they try and find each other again.

The movie is an emotional rollercoaster that keeps you on your toes and interested throughout its 90 minute runtime. While Milo and Otis are trying to find each other, they encounter many dangerous obstacles they have to face alone, but

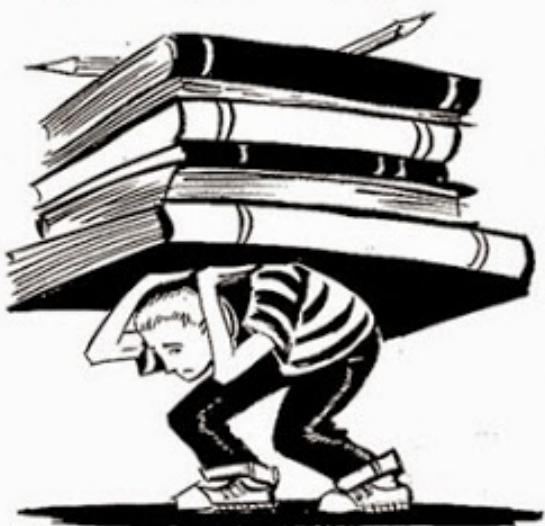


Milo and Otis

the thought of finding their long-lost friend keeps them encouraged to move on and persevere. The animals are funny to watch as the narrator adds a funny tone to the actions of the animals that makes you wonder what your pets are thinking. The two critters bond at the start of the film over their mischievous instincts as if they are children. All 90 minutes of the movie are enjoyable as you can't get enough of the troublesome cat and dog who shouldn't belong together but somehow do. As the

movie progresses so do the characters. The challenges that Milo and Otis face during their time in the spotlight introduces to them the real world and helps them grow up and become adult animals who can take care of themselves. The film has very few flaws that can be covered up easily by the funny actions of the interesting friends and the great narration by Dudley Moore who sadly died in 2002 at the age of 66. In the end, this a fun movie for kids 7 and under that will keep them interested and laughing for the duration of the movie. I will give it a 6/10 because I am in 8th grade, and I had to sit through a kids' movie, when I could have been doing Algebra homework, but my little brother also watched it with me and gave it a 10/10 for its comedy.

EXAM TIME



Exams are Coming!

Fall Semester Exam Schedule

Wednesday, December 11 - History

Thursday, December 12 - Science

Friday, December 13 - English

Monday, December 16 - Math

Tuesday, December 17 - Latin-

Grammar/Vocabulary

Wednesday, December 18 - None

Stranger Things Season 3



By Nathan Sinclair

Spoiler Alert - Watch Before Reading

The well known *Netflix* series *Stranger Things*, created by the Duffer Brothers, released its third season on July 4, 2019. The season is set in July of 1985. First, let us talk about the blood. In the first episode called "Chapter 1: Suzie, Do You Copy?", the rats are all coming together and exploding into a big pile of blood and guts. Most parents seemed to be disgusted by this scene even though the scene is one of the most important early scenes. In the episode "Chapter Five: The Flayed," Tom Holloway and Bruce Lowe melt into a massive pile of guts like the rats and join the Mind Flayer's body. Finally, Billy's death was very dramatic. When Billy, Max's brother, stands up for the party of friends to the Mind Flayer, he gets stabbed multiple times through the stomach. Black blood oozes out of his wounds and mouth as he slowly takes his last breath and begins to close his eyes. In Season 2, Billy is mean to Max. As we get into season 3, Billy is kind to the group of friends until he crashes his car into the tree. When he gets dragged by his feet down into the Mind Flayer's dungeon, Billy has a major change of character. He begins to be aggressive and have many mood swings. When the group traps him in the sauna at the pool trying to get the Mind Flayer out of him, he breaks out and attacks them. Later in the last episode "Chapter Eight: The Battle of Starcourt," Billy sacrifices

himself for Eleven and the gang.

Now, the death of Alexei. While Alexei, Hopper, Joyce, and Murray Bauman are at the fair trying to hide from Grigori, Alexei gets shot through the stomach by Grigori and dies. Many people were sad to see Alexei go because of all the help he gave to the gang throughout the season.

Next, let us talk about Eleven losing her powers. In the episode "Chapter Seven: The Bite," Eleven gets bit by the Mind Flayer when it attacks the friends at Chief Hopper's place in the woods. Later, when they get back to the mall, Eleven throws a red car with her mind onto the Russians attacking Dustin, Steve, and Robin. Once they all come together, Eleven falls down and starts crying in pain because of the bite. Then in episode eight, Jonathan cuts open El's leg and attempts to remove the part of the Mind Flayer crawling inside of her leg. Eleven crying in pain says stop and uses what is left of her powers to pull out the small worm creature.

Near the end of the last episode, Joyce Bryers has the two keys to turn off the machine that is opening the gate. Chief Hopper is next to the machine after he has killed Grigori, the lead Russian killer in the final season. Hopper looks at Joyce and sees her crying. Hopper then nods as a signal to turn the key and turn off the machine. Once she turns both keys at the same time, the machine shuts off but sends lightning in every direction killing Hopper. People are devastated by the death of Hopper but have many

theories about his death. Joyce, Will, Jonathan, and Eleven move. As they depart, Mike says to Eleven that he will come to see her at Thanksgiving. This scene supports the idea of a Season 4 being at the time of Thanksgiving.

During the end credit scene of the last episode of *Stranger Things*, the credits cut off, and the episode brings us to a top secret base somewhere in Russia. There are two Russian men walking in front of big metal doors. One of the two men goes up to one of the doors and the other says, "No, not the American," then they walk to another door. This statement could mean that the American prisoner is Hopper, but many also think that it could be Dr. Brenner. This theory can be proven because in Season 2, Eleven and "Eight" are assaulting him, and he says that Brenner is alive. Many people also think that Hopper traveled to the UpsideDown. This theory is supported in quite a few ways. In the speech he was going to give to Mike and Eleven, it says keep the door open three inches. This line could mean that Hopper traveled into the UpsideDown and has left the gate open three inches for him to get out. We never see Hopper's body get vaporized. While we saw Billy's and Alexei's body when they are killed, we never see his body, which could also foreshadow his still being alive. Finally, the last foreshadowing moment is we never see Hopper on the platform. As the machine is exploding, it zooms out and shows the machine from the front where Hopper is supposed to be standing. One final note on the end credit scene: the other prisoner is taken down into the deepest part of the lair where a Demogorgon is that eats prisoners. This sign could foreshadow that Hopper is still alive because there is a gate open somewhere in the world where Hopper could escape. These are just a few of the important parts to Season 3 of *Stranger Things*.

COD: Modern Warfare Beta

By Jack Rodgers

Call of Duty's recent titles have been a mixed bag of mostly negative reviews and microtransactions tarnishing the game's age-old reputation, but Infinity Ward has a new vision for the series that could revitalize people's interests and change the series forever.

The game's beta proved that *Call of Duty* is not yet done with its reign over the gaming industry bringing the series into an exciting and refreshing new take on their classic shooter. While previous games have developed an almost cartoonish feeling of gameplay with futuristic characters and weapons and garish design, *Modern Warfare* promises to take the series back to its gritty beginnings by focusing on the harsh realities of modern combat. *Modern Warfare* is definitely a pivotal point in the series, and hopefully it is a look at what's to come.

The game is straying from the three lane maps that have become, sadly, what players have come to expect in *Call of Duty*. The more advanced maps provide many exciting movement options that make the maps free-



flowing and reducing the amount of choke points that used to plague simple maps. On top of this, Infinity Ward is introducing more realistic guns, with less manageable recoil patterns and more realistic sound and animations.

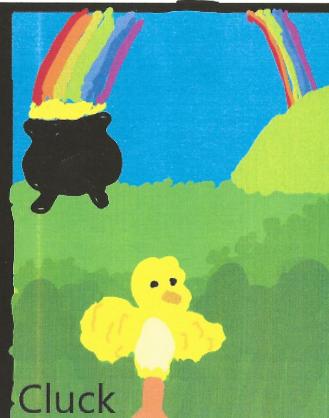
On top of the map and design changes, the gameplay feels as smooth as we have come to expect, yet somehow the more robust gunplay makes kills far more satisfying than I'm used to. Infinity Ward is also introducing new mechanics to make the gameplay feel more realistic. You can now mount your gun on low walls and windows for added stability, there is now a second sprinting option for faster movement, and vehicles on larger maps. The game is very obviously moving towards a Battlefield style of gameplay, with larger scale battles and realistic gameplay which, surprisingly, is generally well received by fans.

Unfortunately, no amount

of great development can save a *Call of Duty* game from Activision's business practices, and they have, for some reason, decided to make the Survival Mode a Playstation exclusive for an entire year, barring all other consoles from playing it, and I expect microtransactions and loot boxes will be dropped on us sometime or another. Let's just hope the pros of an incredible new addition to the series outweighs the cons of Activision's shameless money-grabbing. If you generally gravitate towards *Call of Duty's* fast paced run-and-gun type gameplay, you might want to sit this one out; however, the beta is incredibly fun, and I can only imagine the game will be much better. Yet, I won't have to just imagine soon as I will be picking up this year's game because nothing beats sitting down with a good *Call of Duty* game.

Comics by Frank

Animals you can find with
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on the RANCH



Ferris Bueller's Day Off

By Edwin Bass

How much can a teenager do in one day of missing school? Ferris Bueller answers this in the film *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* by the legendary John Hughes. *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* is a relatable, comical, thought-provoking, suspenseful, and definitely first rate movie about a boy named Ferris Bueller who inexplicably skips a whole day of school without getting caught. On this gladsome day for Ferris, he does more things than an average man would do in a lifetime. Accompanying Ferris is his girlfriend, Sloane Peterson (whom Ferris snuck out of school) and his best friend Cameron. During this fun-filled day, Ferris, Cameron, and Sloane are riding around Chicago in Cameron's dad's vermillion red Ferrari. This part of the movie where they use Cameron's dad's Ferrari is definitely not Cameron's idea. Without my explaining, you probably already know whose idea it is to take the car: good old Ferris Bueller. This would never be Cameron's idea in a lifetime. Every night Cameron's dad wipes



The Trio in the Infamous Vermillion Red Ferrari

the Ferrari with a clean diaper. That explains that if Cameron's dad finds a speck of bird poop than he will lose his mind. Cameron's dad actually loves his Ferrari more than life itself.

Overall, I think that John Hughes did a fabulous job with the order of the film and how he set up his ideas as to how he made every scene in his movies have a purpose.

The first time that I watched this movie I was amazed and shocked that I had never seen this movie before. The second time I watched this movie all of the different comical scenes stood out to me. However, the two scenes that stood out the most were the parade and the scene where Cameron destroys the Ferrari. At the parade, Cameron and Sloane can't find Ferris and then they find him singing on stage in front of all of Chicago.

This was at first surprising to me, but then I understood that the real reason that John Hughes put this scene in there is to explain to the watchers of the film how crazy and unpredictable Ferris is. However, the scene that stood out to me the most is when Cameron who is first described as someone who gets stressed a lot about the most stupid things, and, according to Ferris, "kills the car". In this scene Cameron knows that he will get in trouble with his dad because the Ferrari's mileage has increased significantly, so he completely just doesn't care at all anymore. In fact he pushes the car out of the window of the garage. These scenes show a lot about the character's personality.

Overall, there was nothing really that I noticed that I think that I think that John Hughes could have improved. I think that Hughes included as many different scenes as were necessary and more. This movie has made me laugh more than any other film. With all of the different scenes in this movie, the film was just so eventful. This actually is my all time favorite movie period, so I believe that movie deserves a rate of 10/10.

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Sea of Thieves - 1 Year Later

By Jack Rodgers

Sea of Thieves is an interesting game with an unfortunate developmental past that started with an overwhelming amount of hype and ended in an abysmal lack of content. The game was poorly received and sunk to the bottom of the ratings soon after release, yet some believe it is making a quiet comeback. Is now finally a good time to dive into this charming little game, or is there still as good a reason as ever to keep your distance?

Your adventure begins in a tavern on one of the many outposts scattered around the seas. Your ship will be waiting for you, and you can immediately raise the anchor and get going. Each island has a hand full of barrels containing food to heal you, wood to repair your ship, and some cannonballs. There are no large landforms in the sea, and you'll be sailing around to small islands to complete your tasks. The seas are a harsh, unforgiving landscape to new players, but you'll soon become accustomed to your ships controls and the layout of the sea.

Sea of Thieves is a great concept for a game, and though it lacked in content upon release, the fundamental mechanics of the game are what kept the small number of dedicated pirates sailing the seas. Travel in a lot of open world games can seem like a chore, and often fast-tracking that progress seems necessary to make the game more fun. While this is often true, the game does not have a system in place to speed up transportation which makes you wonder, doesn't that make transportation cumbersome and boring? Surprisingly, not. On top of the outstanding ship

mechanics that make you really feel like a sailor, the developers have been hard at work to ensure that the game environment feels alive. Sea monsters rise out of the depths to challenge you, ghost ships prowl the ocean, shipwrecks gilded with hidden rewards dot the seas, and of course, enemy players pose a constant threat.

On top of the many things to do in your spare time, *Sea of Thieves* does have a common objective. All the pirates on the sea are working towards the prestigious title of Pirate Legend. To gain this title, you need to increase your reputation with three of the eight factions the game has to offer, each leading you on a different path in the name of progression. Whether it be shuttling resources from island to island, facing off scores of skeletons, or digging for buried treasure, almost everything you do in the game will advance you with some faction or another. Even if you don't play the main quests, you'll probably find yourself a Pirate Legend naturally in a few months. The treasure you get varies from skulls of once-great skeleton captains to crates of clothes and plants. Each slows down your movement and can be placed anywhere on your ship. You can also find gunpowder kegs that can inflict serious damage to enemy ships, or your own, that is, if you aren't careful. Luckily, the developers thought of some ways to work around the annoying chore of moving loot. Rowboats can be packed with your ill-gotten gains, and harpoons can be used to grapple loot directly to your boat.

Of course, the seas are never without the ever-present threat of other players, and in your time on the seas, you'll see a lot of them. The ship combat feels incredible, and because you and

your ship are separate entities, you can freely jump off and board enemy ships on a whim. Cursed cannonballs add another level of combat with their effects ranging from dropping their anchor, to forcing them to dance a jig. However safe you think you are, players always tend to pop up and ruin your voyage at just the perfect time, leaving a sour taste in your mouth that just seems to make sinking other players and taking their hard-earned loot all that much sweeter.

However fun it may be, the *Sea of Thieves* does have its downsides. Player combat, though beautifully free-flowing, feels clunky at times. Sometimes it feels as if it takes scores of cannonballs to sink an enemy ship, and others seemingly three or four. Sword fighting is very awkward, with only three options for swordplay, blocking, swinging, and lunging. Swimming also seems very slow, and I'd recommend getting your ship as close as possible to the island you're staying on to alleviate some of the pain of moving loot. You'll also find fighting enemies solo is very difficult and having to tend to your own ship while fending off enemies. What's more the game doesn't lend you a hand, mercilessly matching you with larger crews than your own. Finding yourself on an enemy ship without a teammate seems almost pointless with no real practical options to sink them without re-boarding your own ship.

While it has come a long way since its rocky release, some improvements still could be added to better your pirate experience. There is nothing better than hopping on a galleon with a few friends and setting sail to do whatever you desire. While playing solo is challenging, the small ship and lone-wolf style gameplay does have its charm, and it's all the more satisfying to take down large crews. It's also cross-platform, allowing you to play with friends no matter their console. In seemingly endless droughts of boredom, *Sea of Thieves* is my go-to game, because I may have no clear objective getting on, but I'll always have had my fun by the time I log out. While the game was heavily criticized at launch, now it is the perfect time to hop on board and give it a chance.

The Newest Addition the MBA Clubs: The Microbe Lettuce Club

By William Perri

The Lettuce Club is a club that comes together every month and competes in a friendly competition. The first person to finish a head of lettuce wins and gets to become the head of the Lettuce Club for a month until the next club meeting. The rules of the competition are simple: you can use dressing, forks and knives, a drink



to wash it down, or any other way to get the lettuce down. You also have to bring your own lettuce. We will meet during breaks and the creators are trying to figure out the logistics of the club.

The point of the Lettuce Club is to bring people together into friendly competition and most importantly, stay healthy. We are currently trying to get the club started. The winner of the competition gets a seat with the creators at the next meeting and gets to shake my beautiful delicate hand while I pat you on the back saying, "Good job

The Nashville Soccer Club

By Aiden Becker

The Nashville Soccer Club is Nashville's local soccer team, and it begins its Major League Soccer (MLS) season in 2020. In 2013, Chris Jones had a dream to build a soccer team in Nashville. That dream became real thanks to the help of supporters. They were able to build a team for Nashville and for Nashville only. Three years later in 2016 David Dill joins Chris Jones, and they brought the United Soccer League Championship to Nashville. On December 21, 2017, Nashville accepted the MLS bid to make an expansion team for the MLS. On March 24, 2018, Nashville had its first regular season home game in Nissan Stadium. Almost 19,000 people attended. This is when Nashville became



recognized in the world of soccer.

Nashville Soccer Club gives back to its supporting community. They partner with many local businesses and help each one of them out. One of my favorite programs they have is the GOAL program. What happens in this program is that every goal we score, Cooper Steel will donate money to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital.

Nashville Soccer Club is a wonderful way for such a large community can come together and enjoy a game that the world understands and follows. In a city like Nashville we can be known for many different things that make us unique compared to other cities. I am overjoyed that soccer has now become a major part of this city and its community.

As a season ticket holder, I have been to the majority of the games and I always come out with a smile whether we win or lose. Everyone there is so supportive, and it makes the game so

you won at something that doesn't matter one bit," as you slowly drift off into a food coma. The reward at the end of this exciting competition is priceless, and the event will be televised by none other than our own MBA National Television Thingy For Bored People When Nothing Else Is On, or MBANTTFBPWNEIO for short.

The creators and I are working to get this club started, but in the meantime, you can do your part in the creation of the Lettuce Club by eating a salad at lunch every once in a while instead of just eating chips and pizza while having your third cup of Powerade. Thanks for your help and make sure to bother Coach Swett about this club to the point where he gets so mad he agreed to be the club sponsor.

much better. The atmosphere is great, and it's fun to be a part of the thousands of people that go to the games. There are many activities to do before, during, and after the game. So many people come to these games and events and show their passion for the sport of soccer and everything about it. The best part is the players signing autographs, taking pictures, and high-fiving fans on their way to the locker room at the end of each game.

Recently Nashville secured their spots in the playoffs. These games are to happen soon in First Tennessee Park, and this will be very big for the city. People from all over the city will attend. This is our second year in the playoffs, and last year downtown was teeming with fans watching the game. I believe that we can make it farther and get crazier than last year, especially since the first playoff game is a home game. Nashville Soccer Club to this city is a lot more than a team; It is a way to come together and be a part of a large crowd and enjoy the moment at a soccer game. Go, Nashville!



College Football's Surprise Teams



By Jose' DeLemos

1. LSU Tigers



LSU has looked great so far in the season as they have had great play by Heisman frontrunner, Joe Burrow. They have also had great plays by their receiving core, competing with Alabama for the top receivers in college football. Their defense has been struggling though. They lost top CB Greedy Williams in the draft last year, but they have had a great safety in Grant Delpit. LSU has beaten a good team in Florida, so it's not like they have not played a nobody. If they continue to play as well as they have been, they could be serious Championship contenders.



2. Ohio State



Ohio State has looked good so far this season after Justin Fields transferred to Ohio State from Georgia during the offseason, so they did not have a hard time transitioning from QB Dwayne Haskins who was drafted to the Redskins. They have had a remarkable running back in J.K. Dobbins. Not only did they lose Dwayne Haskins, but they also lost Nick Bosa who was also a first round pick. You would think that after such a loss of talent they would digress, but they have done the complete opposite. They seem to be a better team than they were last year.



3. Auburn

Auburn has been a pleasant surprise to everyone. After a disappointing season and talk about firing Gus Malzahn, fans were not sure what to think about Auburn coming into the season. So far, they have impressed. Even though they lost to Florida, they have had a good season so far, especially with the emergence of Freshman QB Bo Nix. He has been an Auburn fan his whole life, and now he is the starter for his favorite team. His father also played at Auburn for his college career. Auburn might not be competing for a national title this season, but they have had great growth and improvement this year.



4. Wisconsin



I know you might have thought that the last team would be from the SEC, but hold your horses because we also have another team from the Big Ten, the Wisconsin Badgers. After being a no name team from last year, the only people who expected them to do well was no one. But a great running back named Jonathan Taylor has turned this team around. If it were not for him, this team would be mediocre at best. But, not only has he managed to be the best player on this team, but he also has wedged himself into the heisman talk. They might even have a chance to compete for the title this year, but first, let them do the playing for the rest of the season before we start to say that.



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Preds Are Ready!

By Aiden Becker

As the National Hockey League's 2019-2020 season starts, the Nashville Predators are back and ready to have a strong season. The Predators were founded in 1998 and for the past few years they have been performing incredibly well. They have made the playoffs multiple times and have showed their strengths during those times. The Predators have won the Central Division twice, and those two times were the last two seasons. This team

is incredibly well-built and has a lot of talent on their team. In an interview done in 1998, a man was telling the interviewer how much it meant to him that an NHL team was coming to Nashville. He said that his friends from cities that did have teams constantly told him that it wouldn't happen. But it did, and it has influenced this city in countless ways and brings a smile to people's faces.

This past summer, many changes were brought to Nashville. On the second day of the NHL Draft, P.K. Subban was traded to the New Jersey Devils in exchange the Predators received Steven Santini and Jeremy Davies. Along with those two players, the Predators received two NHL Draft picks. Over the summer the Predators signed free agent Matt Duchene on a seven season \$56 million contract. So far Duchene has been a great fit with the Predators. On October 5, Pekka Rinne was asked questions about

Matt Duchene, and he had said that he is an excellent player on-and-off the ice, and he is a strong leader. This shows how close the players are. Hockey is a team sport, and the players on this team show so much respect for one another and are keeping an eye out for each other. With a team like this in a city like this I believe we can expect great things for them.

Last season the Predators placed second-to-last on power plays. After the season, they spent the summer working and improving on their offense. In the last few games that work has been paying off as we have been scoring goals more frequently. Last year our defense was one of the top in the league, and that doesn't seem to show as much this season. People have been saying that offense-wise we have improved, but on defense we have seemed to worsen. Hopefully we can work our way back up to meet the St. Louis Blues and Colorado Avalanche this season because they seem to be the two strongest teams against the Predators. I predict that this season

we will be a lot more improved on most of our plays and come out strong in the playoffs.

The Predators seem more confident in their team and themselves personally. This season is looking strong for the Predators, but, as always, there are things to improve.

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MLB Divisional and Wild Card Round Playoffs

By Jose DeLemos

Article went to press prior to the ACLS and NCLS

The MLB divisional playoffs had some very interesting outcomes and some surprising standout players who were not expected to do as well as they did. In the NL wild card round, the Milwaukee Brewers faced off against the Washington Nationals. The game was very tight and came down to the wire in the late innings. When the Brewers star closer, Josh Hader, came in to close out the game, his pitching starting to rack up runs for the Nats, as they came back in the 8th inning and won the game, putting the Nats in the NLDS against the Dodgers. In the AL wild card, the Tampa Bay Rays faced off against the Oakland Athletics. In a mostly offensive showing for the Rays, they won handily 5-1. The four divisional round series were: Nationals vs. Dodgers, Braves vs. Cardinals, Astros vs. Rays, and Yankees vs. Twins. The Dodgers had a great season and had a MVP candidate in Cody Bellinger. He was in the top spot to win the MVP. Not only did they have him on offense, they also had Walker Buehler and Clayton Kershaw pitching. The Dodgers were favored to win this series and go on to the World Series and possibly win, as they were looked at as the best team in the NL. The Nationals were not intimidated by this juggernaut, and even though they lost the first game, they came back and had a great pitching performance and won game two. People were surprised that the Nationals even won one game against this great team and were starting to wonder if the Nats actually had a chance against the Dodgers. After a tight series all the way to the end, game five rolled around, and the Nationals defeated the Dodgers, and the MLB community was stunned. Nobody expected this win. Nevertheless, the Nats advanced to the NLCS. Next was the Braves and Cardinals. After very inconsistent pitching by the Braves during the season but great plays on offense, nobody was sure about this team. The first game was taken by the Cardinals and the next was by the Braves. The series was going back-and-forth between the two teams. The Braves had clutch players emerge in Dansby Swanson and Adam Duvall. But even after these stars' emergence, they still came up short and lost depressingly in game five 13-1. The Cardinals advanced and would play the Nationals in the NLCS. Onto the ALCS, where the Astros played the Rays in a series that seemed obvious to everyone who would come out on top. The Rays put up a good fight, though, as the series came up onto game five. Even though the Astros, (as expected), won the series, the Rays do have promising years ahead of them, as they have great pitching and hitting. The Astros advanced and will play in the ALCS. The last series was the Yankees and Twins. The Twins had a surprise season as they won their division and nobody expected it. The Yankees also had a great season as they won a stacked AL East division. The two teams went at it, and the Yankees clearly had the better team. They swept their series and would meet up against the Astros in the ALCS.

All-in-all, the playoffs so far have had very surprising turnouts and we will all expect to have an interesting 2019 World Series.



HOW TO SELF- DESTRUCT



The Saga of Antonio Brown

By Frank Johns

Many people knew Antonio Brown as a great wide receiver. In fact, I thought that he was a fine person and a great athlete. Then, his career began to tank. As one thing led to the next, he soon would be without a team.

Antonio Brown's career started at Central Michigan, where he played football averaging over 1000 yards a season. Toward the end of the 2010 draft, he was drafted by the Steelers. During his nine years there, he quickly became Ben Roethlisberger's most reliable receiver and one of the league's best wide receivers. He went to the Pro Bowl many times. However, his great life would tank soon.

During the 2018-2019 season, Brown started creating problems with his team, the Pittsburgh Steelers. It started when he posted a video of his head coach, Mike Tomlin, saying bad things about another team without Tomlin's knowledge. By doing this, Brown was breaking NFL policies. He began to create problems with Roethlisburger and skipped the season finale. That year they missed the playoffs for the first time in years. These embarrassing events would lead to his being traded to the Raiders.

During his few days with



the Raiders, Antonio Brown did not make a good impression. It started when Brown missed practice because of a foot injury. After nine days, he has a fine foot, but he skipped practice because he was

upset that he couldn't use his old helmet that the NFL banned from the league due to safety purposes. A few weeks later, he was sued for missing practices. He posted pictures of the fines on line with a caption, "When your own team wants to hate but there's no stopping me now devil is a lie." After that Brown threatened to punch the Raiders manager. On September 7, two days after the first football game started, he was signed by the Patriots.

On the Patriots, nothing got better. Right after being signed, he was accused of sexual assault on one of his former team's trainers (See: Antonio Brown's Tumultuous N.F.L. Career). He only played one game with the Patriots in a 43-0 win. The Patriots released him on September 20.

After he was released, he quickly said on social media that he didn't want any part in the NFL, but now he is trying to join the league. The NFL will not let him join the league until their investigation on Brown's sexual assault charges are concluded.

Antonio Brown went from being an MVP to not being able to play. He has had a really rollercoaster career.

Microbe Golf Has a Great Season!

By Ross Sonday

The Junior School Golf team has had another great season! The record for the team was 4-6 with wins over USN, Lipscomb, BGA, and FRA. The team this year included four second year 8th graders in Will Jackson, Ross Sonday, Edwards Settle, and Dillard Cross. The team also included new seventh and eighth graders with a total of 11. To start the season the team headed to McCabe golf course in a match up against USN with strong performances by Ross Sonday and Edwards Settle who helped boost the team to victory. A couple of early loses to Ensworth and BA helped the team to push on and get two straight wins over Lipscomb Academy with Will Jackson and Frank Johns leading the charge with two solid 6 over par rounds. The team also went to Cheekwood golf course against BGA and won in blow out fashion



The Microbe Golf Team

with a great performance by Jack Hawkins with a 6 over par round of 39, and Charlie Kilburn contributing with a very strong 40. After a very strong play against Brentwood Academy, the team came just three strokes short for victory in a close match at Harpeth Hills. This included a season best 42 by Conner Looney and a 42 by Ross Sonday as well. Jack Hawkins also played well. After the tough loss the team came together in a great win over FRA at Ted Rhodes golf course. Once again strong performances by

Connor Looney, and George Emrhein helping the team to victory. In a final match against Ensworth the team finished strong with Edwards Settle going low with a 1 over par round of 37 at Harpeth Hills, and Frank Johns' playing well too. Congratulations to all the members of the team on a great season, and we look forward to another successful year of Junior School golf. We would like to thank Mr. Kelly, and Mrs. Stewart for this opportunity to play golf at MBA and have a great year! Roll Red!

TOH Meetings are every Tuesday in M21!



Microbe CC Wins HVAC!

By Ollie Cian

The MBA 2019 microbe cross-country team has had an outstanding year and one of the best seasons ever. All the hard work put in by the team lead us to not only winning the HVAC championships, but also going undefeated. Though winning is fun, winning is not why people do cross-country. Cross-country is about building good habits, not backing out in the face of challenges, and working as a team. The team had to work through workouts in 100 degree weather, keep their “badly rhyming habits”, and on top of that, keep up with schoolwork. They also had incredible coaches who encouraged them to do all those things.

Before the summer began, boys had already been putting in miles



The 2019 HVAC Cross Country Champions!

12 minutes. Our first meet was at the infamous Ravenwood country club. Ravenwood Country Club is probably the opposite of what people would think. It is an abandoned golf course that is haunted, the most hilly course the team would face, the most confusing course the team would face, and the longest course the team would

face. Yes, the course was .2 miles longer than it should have been. On top of that we did not even know the results until the next day. But thanks to a tight pack consisting of Jack Montgomery, Walker Pierce, Thomas Dennis, and William Lee, the MBA harriers pulled off the victory.

The second meet the team raced at the Steeplechase course which was just about the opposite of Ravenwood. It was relatively flat and .2 miles shorter than the 2 miles it was supposed to be. The team scored a 17 two points shy of a 15 which is a perfect score. The third meet was at the USN river campus which was the sight of the upcoming HVAC Championships. The smell of the course and 100 degree weather are described in an email sent by Coach Reynolds named “Olfactory Assault on Big Red Falls Short.” The Big Red was missing the sevies who had gone off to

Camp Laney. The eight graders were able to fill the spots Walker Pierce, Minor Ballew, and William Seibles left behind, winning the meet. Jack Montgomery was also able to claim the top spot in the race. The meet before the HVAC championships was at the Vaughns Creek course where an earlier meet had been canceled due to rain. The team was again able to win the meet. The final meet at the USN river campus was a memorable one. The MBA harriers had no idea what the results of the race were going to be. What they did know is William Lee slightly edged out Jack Montgomery in the final stretch with Thomas Dennis finishing not far behind which got MBA 4th, 5th, and 6th spots. Walker Peirce, Mitchell Chaffin, Ollie Cian, and William Dean finished off the scoring. When the time came to announce the results, the announcer announced the place of all the teams except MBA and USN. Then he said “in second place with a score of ... USN.” That is when the boys screamed in laughter and celebrated their victory. MBA won by a small fraction of three points. After, the team celebrated with food and candy which the coaches had confiscated. On the final day of practice, the team went to Dairy Queen and played goaltiment Frisbee. As always, it's a good day to run.



The Microbe Harriers at the HVAC championship

with some joining the 100 mile club. The effort they put in helped make the transition into the season easier. Practice started a few weeks before the first meet. The boys started to form relationships, meet the coaches, and prepare for the first time trial as they eased into practice. After Coach Reynolds checked the results, it was apparent that it was going to be a good season with two people under

Microbe Tennis

By Charlie Warner

This year the tennis team came up close in second place. Throughout the season we worked hard and had great teamwork. The tennis team had 13 people; Ethan Bittles, Dawson Stone, Elliot Bragg, Billy Rennhoff, James Buntin, Porter Frist, Jackson Miller, Owen Willers, Owen Hall, Benton Brown, Mecho Patikas, Will Harwell, and me, Charlie Warner. We worked hard in the first match, beating BA 5-0. Ethan, Dawson, Porter, Billy, and James played and encouraged each other. In the second match, we played Ensworth and lost 4-1. The same people played, but this time Mecho and Benton played too. Billy and James won their match and saved us from getting skunked. Although we lost, it was a lesson that we needed to focus and beat them next time. The next week we played Ensworth again, and this time we lost 5-0. This showed us that they were a hard competitor, and we needed to stay focused and work hard to beat them in the tournament. The day before the tournament (HVAC), we played McCallie in Sewanee. It came close with a loss of 11-9 with everyone playing. McCallie is usually MBA's toughest opponent, so MBA hung in tight with a good team. With one more match in the season and losing to Ensworth two times, everyone knew it was going to be a challenging match. With a pep rally for the football before the match, we were



The 2019 Microbe Tennis Team

ready for the challenge we were about to face. For the HVAC tournament, we were going to play BA first and then play Ensworth if we beat BA. In match vs BA, all our players played great. Dawson played the best game this year and destroyed the BA guy. Ethan and Porter beat their opponent and so did James and Billy in doubles. With winning against BA 5-0 again, it gained us more confidence. Playing Ensworth, we had Ethan as number one single, Dawson for number two singles, and Porter for number three singles. For doubles, we had Billy and James for number one and Jackson and Elliot for number two. Ethan played a huge match and came out with a victory 8-6. Ensworth's singles usually beat MBA pretty bad, so after Ethan's 8-2 loss the previous week, it was huge when Ethan won. Dawson and Porter fought hard but lost in a close match. With the double matches left, Billy and James kept it close. It went into a tie

breaker, and James and Billy pulled it off and made the score 2-2 overall. With only the second doubles team left, Jackson and Elliot had everyone watching them and who they were playing. When they went into a tie-breaker for the championship, everybody got super stressed. Jackson and Elliot kept it close, but they still lost. The final score of the tiebreaker was 7-5. Even though we lost, it was by a close margin, and the coaches were very proud of us. Coach Boyd, Coach Lippman, Couch Davidson, and Coach Overton were very helpful and great coaches throughout the year, and we would not have gotten as far as we did if they weren't there. From tryouts to the end of the tournament, I thought it was a great experience.





The Seventh-Grade Football Season

By Vaughan Chamblin

The MBA seventh-grade football team had an amazing year with great highlights and a great team. We lost our first game against CPA but came back and beat them later in the season. The football team cleaned out McCallie 56-6 by using multiple running backs plays that the coaches were not sure would work. The seventh grade team's favorite game was the Baylor game in Chattanooga. We had plenty of talent on our offense and defense. One of the most notable members on the offense is Cole Sieveking. Cole was the left tackle and a force to be reckoned with. Cole had a countless amount of pancakes and stopped anyone in front of him. The two hardest working people were Claiborne Tompkins and Elias Franks. They always supported and encouraged the rest of the team. On scout offense Claiborne and Elias would always fight over which one was the running back. They knew every play and needed little help. We would not be the team we are today without them. One of the best running backs on the seventh grade team is Colton Erickson. Colton played through a broken

thumb without showing any pain and always immediately got up after every tackle. He raised the morale of the team every time he was in. Colton ran down the middle most of the time getting about five yards every run. None of these people could have accomplished what they did without our quarterback Hughes Roddy. Hughes knew every play by heart and carried it out perfectly almost every time. The "Swiss army knife" of our team is Jack Stanley. Jack played most positions on offense and defense. He knew every position on every play and never complained about playing them. He caught almost every ball that was thrown to him. A position that is constantly overlooked is the kicker. Our kicker was Scott Cheevers. Scott had played soccer for many years and has an impressive kick. During the Baylor game, Scott kicked two touchbacks and kicked over the other teams' heads several times. The seventh grade defense did not give up many yards and played hard. James Trainer, the middle linebacker, stopped several plays. He shot the gaps hard and low. If the other teams' running backs tried going through his gap, he put them on their backs. Eli Stark is one

of the best tacklers on our team. He wrapped them up and stopped them in their tracks. Eli had important interceptions and tackles that lead to many victories. Aiden Key was one of the biggest and strongest defensive linemen. If he got his hands on someone, they would not be able to fight back. Aiden had the other team put their biggest linemen on him to slow him down. On the opposite side of the defensive line was Charlie Roberts. Charlie fired off the ball fast and hard. He easily went past the other team's offensive line. Charlie had a number of sacks and a swat against CPA. Trip Morgan started the season on second string, but after showing how hard he could hit, he was moved to almost all of the special teams.

We closed out the season with a tough loss, but we played hard and fast. Everyone on the team played a good and hard season. There was a large improvement from the beginning of the season to the end, and some people who never played before came out as starters. The seventh grade MBA football team had a great season with an amazing group of people. It was a privilege and an honor to play with everyone on the team.



Eighth-Grade Football

By Jose DeLemos

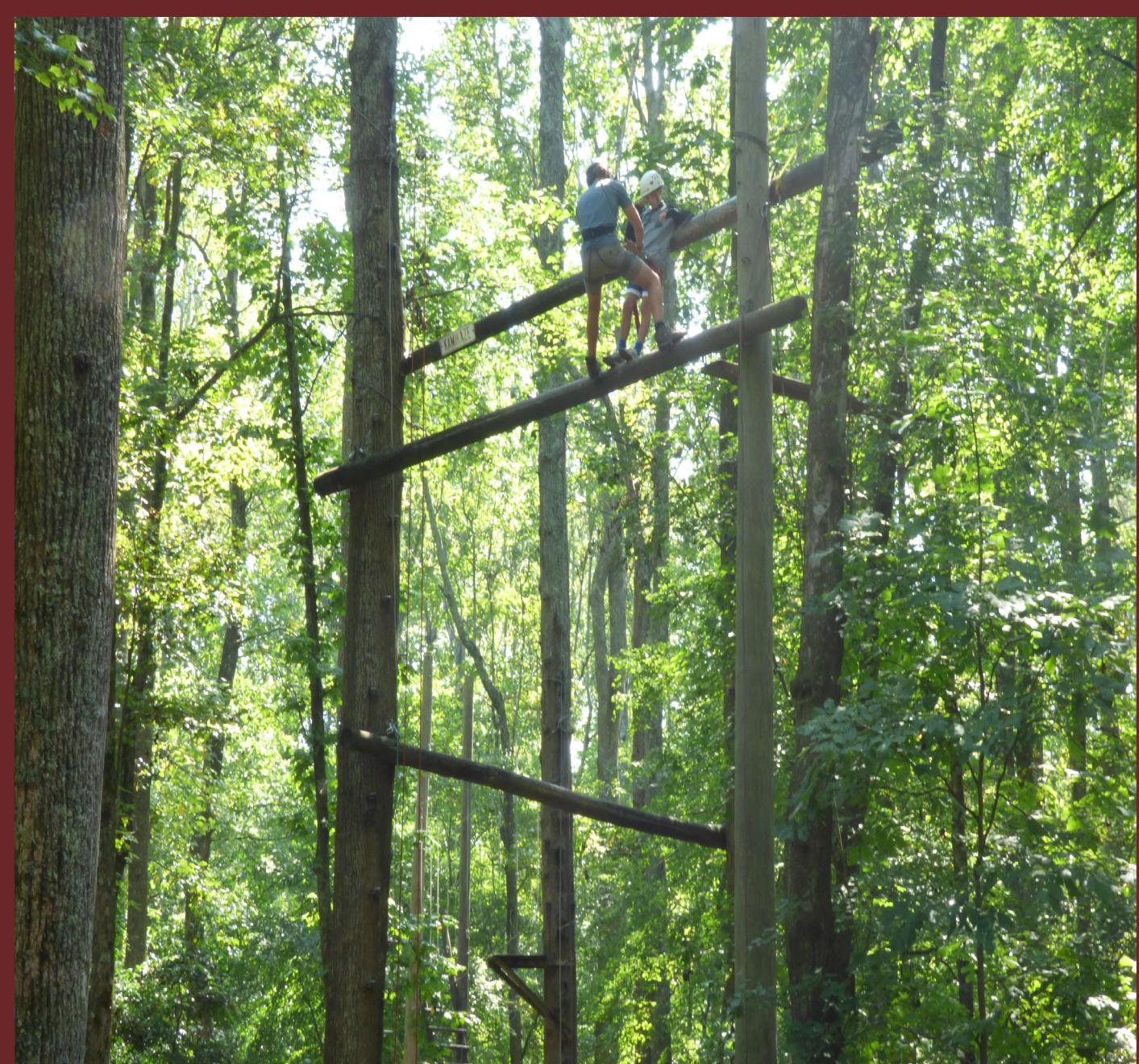
The 8th grade football year was a great success, and the whole team felt closer at the end of the season. During the summer, the team came out and worked hard at the workouts as we came out to get in shape for the upcoming season. The first game that the Big Red had was against CPA, and as the Lions came off with a big win against BA the previous week, they were riding high coming into the game. The Big Red prevailed though as quarterback H McIllwain threw three touchdown passes to the tight end Blake Ragsdale.

The team was feeling good going into week two as they were confident going into the next game. Our next opponent was Central Catholic. The team got humbled as they lost the game. This did not take down the attitude of the team though, and they got in a good week of practice and were ready for their next opponent, West Wilson.

After some tough calls and great play by the defense, the Big Red dominated and came through with another victory. The next week was McCallie, and the team was ready as they had a good week of practice and were feeling good that they were going to play their first home game. After a special teams mishap on the first play, the team started to doubt themselves when Louis Pickett, the kick returner for the next play, brought the ball all the back to the house. After a great play by the team, they still had a tough loss. They would not keep their heads down though, as they had the next opponent North Catholic. On the first couple of defensive plays, the team and coaches knew that they had complete control over the game and decided to let their backups get in on the action. At the end of the first half, Michael Ikejiani picked the quarterback off, and with dominant play in the

second half, the Big Red pulled off another victory. The next week was Baylor, and the team was ready to travel into Chattanooga. And after a couple of mishaps on defense, the team had a rough loss against Baylor. The team still had to drive all the way back to Nashville, and they had a great time on the bus. The next game was BA, and they were ready for it as it was a home game. Even after five overtimes, the team finished the year off with a great game, and they felt good about their season. They always tried their best and never gave up.





“The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.” ~ ~ Nelson Mandela

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